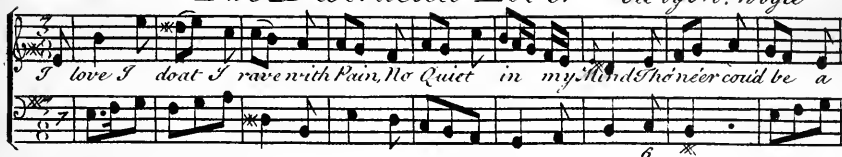




The Distracted Lover set by M^r. Boyce



My Rival's rich in worldly Store,
 May offer Heaps of Gold,
 But surely I'll leave'n adore,
 Too precious to be sold.
 Can Silvia such a Coxcomb prize,
 For Wealth and not Desert,
 And my poor sighs and Tears despise,
 Alas! 'twill break my Heart.
 When like some panting hovering Dove,
 I for my Bliss contend,
 And plead the Cause of eager Love,
 She coldly calls me Friend,
 Ah Silvia thus in vain you strive,
 To act a healing Part,
 'Twill keep but lingering Pain alive,
 Alas! and break my Heart.

When on my lonely pensive Bed,
 I lay me down to rest,
 In hopes to calm my raging Head,
 And cool my burning Breast,
 Her Cruelty all ease denies
 With some sad Dream I start
 All drown'd in Tears I find my Eyes,
 And breaking feel my Heart.
 Then rising thro' the Path I rove,
 That leads me where she dwells;
 Where to the senseless Waves my Love,
 Its mournful Story tells,
 With sighs I draw & kiss the Door,
 Till Morning bids Depart,
 Then vent ten thousand sighs & more,
 Alas! 'twill break my Heart.

Budding when this Conquest's won,
 And I am gone and Cold;
 Renounce the cruel Deed you've done,
 Nor glory when 'tis told,
 For every lovely generous Maid,
 Will take my injured Part;
 And curse thee Silvia I'm afraid,
 For breaking my poor Heart

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